

14 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF - FINANCE DIVISION

SUBJECT: Request for Data of Agents Receiving  
Special Living Allowances

1. Inquiry is made as to whether your office could supply a report as to the number and names of staff agents and contract agents receiving "Special Living Allowances", the amounts authorized for each and the country of location.
2. I believe that Special Living Allowances have been authorized principally for one or the other of the following two reasons:
  - a. Special operational factors have required the individual to maintain a personal standard of living in excess of that he would normally maintain and is in excess of those contemplated in the Standardized Government Civilian Allowance Regulations.
  - b. In certain areas, agent personnel under non-official cover are forced to incur higher living expenses due to denial of commissary and post exchange privileges available to the normal government employee.
3. It seems obvious that Special Living Allowances justified by the circumstances outlined in 2. b. above should be soundly determined after proper study and should be uniformly applied to all eligible individuals in each area to both OSO and OPC personnel, and to both Staff Agents and certain contract agents.
4. I am interested in this problem not only because such allowances are being requested in current agent contracts, but because of the apparent need for coordinated Agency study and resolution of the problem.

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